

**VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP  
MARCH 1, 2016 MEETING**

**SPY POND COMMITTEE  
Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

**In attendance:** Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Bob and Harriet Noyes, Elizabeth Karpati, Steve Ricci, Jacob Fries, Agnes O'Donnell

**Facilitator:** Brad Barber

**Minutes:** Agnes O'Donnell

**2016 meetings:** usually 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday, Town Hall Annex, first floor.

The first Tuesdays in 2016 are: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as amended.
- The warrant article for treating Spy Pond invasive growth and the letter supporting it was reviewed and approved. The Conservation Commission addressed issues at Spy Pond, Little Pond, and Reeds Brook at McClennen Park. An extra \$10,000 was approved for the Reeds Brook area, where previous land fill was capped. Causes and solutions will be investigated regarding possible seepage and flocculation in the pond. In Mill Brook, a major storm drain problem will remain a separate issue. Also recognized was the need for the Friends groups at Monotomy Rocks, Spy Pond, and the Reservoir to get together in supporting issues at these locations. The Warrant Article was accepted unanimously.
- 1450 copies of the Fertilizer Flyer are awaiting distribution. Stuffing volunteers are needed.
- Bill Eykamp and Brad will be at the Eco Fest to answer questions related to water bodies.
- Brad will draft a letter to Teresa DeBenedictis regarding the sedge report, as outlined in the previous month's minutes.
- We are contacting ACT, now Solitude Lake Management, to work out dates for treatment.
- The priority of this year's Trails Day will to remove bittersweet, with Steve supervising. Lowered water in the pond will also provide an opportune time to remove trash. The Arlington-Belmont Crew, unable to join the event on May 14, has approved April 30 for their help. Joey will provide release forms. A central administrator is needed to organize food, distribute release forms, and manage trash removal. Brad will handle trash bags. Bill will contact FSPP to advertise the event and get the information into the FSPP minutes. Steve will contact the local Explorer Boy Scouts.
- Friends of Fresh Pond will be at the Maynard Eco Center at Neville Place on March 14.

**New Business**

Members have voiced concerns about the run-off from Route 2 into the pond. The newly constructed swales along the road have proven to be non-functional. After heavy rainstorms, repeated observation demonstrated that no water, mud, or trash gets into these basins. To address the issue, Bill suggested informing the Conservation Commission and MyRWA, and contacting the politicians. He will contact Bill Donnelly.